



THIRD DISTRICT NEWS

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Larry D. McCoy, Commander

From the Commander's Desk

I hope that you and your family had a great holiday season and I look forward to a new year full of positive initiatives that will enhance the Third District Community.

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Upcoming Events

Anti-Prostitution Task Force Meeting

Councilman Jack Evans will convene the meeting and will have as guest officials Chief Charles Ramsey, Chief Judge Rufus King III, Magistrate Judge Richard Ringell, Dave Rosenthal Corporation Counsel, and Cliff Keenan US Attorney's Office. The discussion will be on how to deter johns from entering DC, Question and Answer Session, and follow up. It will be Thursday, January 15, 2004 at 6:30 PM in the Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Circle, NW. For more information contact Councilman Evans Office at 202-724-8058.

Citizen Advisory Commission

The monthly CAC Meeting will be Thursday, January 22, 2004 at 7 PM in the Snyder Community Room at 3D, 1620 V Street, NW. Eligible community residents will be able to vote for new CAC Chair, Vice Chair, etc. For more information contact CAC Chair Stanley Mayes at 202-328-1368.

Updates

Proposed PSA (Police Service Area) Boundaries

On January 12, 2004, Mayor Anthony A. Williams and the Metropolitan Police Department presented the DC Council with proposed new boundaries for police districts and Police Service Areas (PSAs). The new structure is designed to enhance police services in DC neighborhoods and to increase community involvement in "community policing." This will be accomplished by aligning the PSAs more closely with DC neighborhoods, improving police coordination with other city services in addressing problems that impact crime, and by giving PSAs the staffing flexibility to fight crime more effectively at the neighborhood level. The DC Council has a 60-day period in which to review the proposed new boundaries. The MPDC anticipates implementing the new structure soon after the 60-day review period.

Under the Policing for Prevention strategy, uniformed patrol officers are currently assigned to 83 Police Service Areas (PSAs). These 83 PSAs are organized into seven police districts, which are configured into three Regional Operations Commands (ROCs). A lieutenant, who is assisted by one or more sergeants, leads PSA teams. Working together, the PSA team (lieutenant, sergeants and officers) is responsible for responding to calls for service on the PSA and working with the community to identify and solve crime and disorder problems.

Over the past year, the MPDC has held a series of community meetings, as well as discussions within the Department, on the strengths and weaknesses of the current PSA structure. Based on an analysis of those meetings, as well as other data and information, the Department is proposing to change the PSA structure. The proposed new PSA plan would:

- Reduce the number of PSAs from 83 to 43.
- More closely align the PSAs with DC neighborhoods, so as to improve coordination with other city services and increase community participation in Policing for Prevention.
- Establish a minimum number of officers for each PSA, but provide more officers in those PSAs with greater demands for neighborhood police service.
- This enhanced staffing flexibility will allow PSAs to better carry out the full range of crime-fighting activities, including answering calls for service, targeting crime "hot spots" and engaging the community in neighborhood problem solving.
- Reducing the number of PSAs will help ensure strong and consistent leadership on all PSAs.

For more information on the proposed boundary changes go to the MPD website http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/districts/PSAs_proposed.shtm.

3D Community Meeting Schedule for January 2004

PSA 301/304

Lieutenant Michael Gottert
Every Second Wednesday of the Month
Kalorama Rec Center
Columbia and Belmont St. NW
7:30 PM

PSA 302/305

Lieutenant Bart Dykes
Every Fourth Monday of the Month
Boys and Girls Club
2500 14th St. NW
7 PM

PSA 303

Lieutenant Edward Delisi
Every Third Thursday of the Month
Banneker Rec Center
2500 Georgia Ave. NW
7 PM

PSA 306

Lieutenant Gary Durand
Every Second Thursday of the Month
True Reformer Building
1200 U St.
6 PM

PSA 307

Lieutenant Darlene-Terry Weeks
Every Third Tuesday of the Month
3D Community Room
1620 V St. NW
7 PM
PSA 308

Lieutenant To Be Announced
Every Third Tuesday of the Month
3D Community Room
1620 V St. NW
7 PM

PSA 309

Lieutenant To Be Announced
Every Third Thursday of the Month
Jewish Community Center
1529 16th St. NW
7:30 PM

PSA 310

Lieutenant Shakir T. Muslin
Every First Wednesday of the Month
Washington Plaza Hotel
#10 Thomas Circle
7 PM

PSA 311

Lieutenant Ralph Neal
Every Second Thursday of the Month
United House of Prayer
1721 7th St. NW
6:30 PM

PSA 312

Lieutenant Alveta Dennis
Every Second Wednesday of the Month
Mt. Sinai Church
1615 3rd St. NW
7 PM

PSA 313

Lieutenant Michael Smith
Every First Wednesday of the Month
Washington Plaza Hotel
#10 Thomas Circle
7 PM

PSA 314

Lieutenant Lamar West
Every Second Wednesday of the Month
1301 7th Street
7 PM

Officer Accolades

Officer Kevin Dunn

Dear Chief Ramsey,

It would be so good if citizens could experience discourse with members of the Washington Metropolitan Police Department such as my wife and I had with Officer K. Dunn of your Third District.

Officer Dunn telephoned my house and stated that he had located my wife's automobile that had been stolen. He asked us to come down to the station and meet with him and we did so promptly. After an exchange of information he drove us in his police vehicle to the location of our car. After a walk-around inspection we went back to the station for more paperwork. From the Yellow Pages I chose and called a tow truck company for an immediate tow, noting that we did not have a key to the car. Officer Dunn then followed-up with his call to the tow truck company to insure, I suppose a quicker response to my request to them.

My wife and I then drove our car back to the location of the stolen car and after some minutes Officer Dunn joined us and together we waited for the tow truck. When the tow truck arrived Officer Dunn advised us to carefully note on the towing company's paperwork any existing damages to the car. He waited with us while the tow truck operator gained access, without a key and without damage to the car, took less than two minutes, so that we could remove any personal property inside. Officer Dunn ensured that the tow truck operator ascertained from his dispatcher and advised us where the car would be safely stored for our insurance company, now the owner of the car, to secure.

For some reason our car's VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) and license plate numbers were never entered in the "stolen car" database. When Officer Dunn had noticed parking tickets accumulated on the car he checked the license plate number against the stolen car database...no record. He then traced the owner's name via the license plate. Next he entered the name against a database of names of people who have filed complaints of some sort with MPD. Bingo! My wife's name appeared as having reported a stolen car. Officer Dunn's demonstrated initiative here is commendable and an example of his devotion to duty.

Throughout our meeting Officer Dunn handled himself with true professionalism and concern for us individuals. You would be proud of how he represented MPD.

Please insert a copy of this letter in Officer Dunn's personnel file.

Sincerely,
David F Harris

Third District Officers

Commander McCoy:

This message is a LONG time coming. However, it has been in the works since my husband and I opened our 7-Eleven franchise on U. and 12th Streets, August 7, 2001. Since that time, the DC 3rd District Metropolitan Police Department has been an outstanding force in helping us rid our business of the thieves, drug addicts, and aggressive panhandlers. We could not have made it this far if it were not for officers like Lts. Duran, Groomes, and Neal; Sgt. Wilkins; Ofcs. Shwartz, Kenny, Ambrose, A. Adams, and Minton. There are many others which we cannot remember their names, but their contributions to the U. Street corridor are no less notable!

We must say, however, we saw a noticeable decrease in the amount of aggressive panhandlers since you have taken leadership of the district. Thank you and welcome!!!!!!

We are so grateful to your team of officers who look after our employees and customers with such professionalism and care that we want to make a small presentation (donation) to your district at first Roll Call, 6:00 a.m. Friday, January 2, 2004. We must take this opportunity to show how highly we think of our 3rd District men and women in blue and express how much we appreciate the vigilant jobs they are doing in our community.

We hope to meet you at Roll Call.

High Regards,
Nayola and David Allen, Owners

7-Eleven Franchise

Street Crimes Report

Street Crimes Unit Statistics

A special unit has been formed to combat the criminal activity in the Third District. The idea is to target the violent crime perpetrators and repeat offenders. The following arrests have been made by the Street crimes Unit for the period of September 1, 2003 to January 9, 2004:

Felony Arrests:	183	INCLUDES: 85 Felony Drug Arrests 30 Felony Warrants 8 Robbery Arrests 38 Carrying Pistol Without A License (CPWL) 22 Other
Misdemeanor Arrests:	460	INCLUDES: 95 Misd Drug Arrests 55 Contempt 12 Theft from Autos 70 Panhandlers 228 Other
Traffic Arrests	112	
Total:	<u>755</u> Arrests	

ADDITIONAL:

45 Firearm Recoveries (Not to include 12 BB Guns, 3 Paint Guns)
35 Vehicles seized (mostly Cadillacs)
9 Search Warrants conducted
4 Assists to Vice Office
\$51, 230 in US Currency seized in Civil Forfeiture
Conducted over 2800 Subject Stops

Lieutenant Diane Grooms
Street Crimes Unit

Promotions

Congratulations

PSA 309 Lieutenant Diane Groomes is promoted to Captain.

PSA 308 Lieutenant Francis Hill is promoted to Captain.

Captain Groomes will continue to serve the Third District Station.

Captain Hill has transferred to the Seventh District Station.

Captain Willie Smith has transferred to the Second District Station.

Melvin Key was a vice lieutenant, promoted to Captain and transferred to the Third District Station.

